

MOUNTING APPARATUS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE

STEERING COLUMN

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A plastic honey comb mounting bracket having a center passage surrounds
a mast jacket of the steering column. The top of the plastic mounting bracket is
clamped flush against a flat panel on a body of the motor vehicle by a pair of spring
washers supported below respective ones of a pair of platforms on the mounting
bracket by a pair of rigid studs on the vehicle body. The rigid studs are exposed
10 through a pair of vertical slots in the mounting bracket. In some embodiments the
spring washers release the plastic mounting bracket for linear translation as a unit
with the mast jacket with the path traversed by the mast jacket being defined by the
vertical slots in the mounting bracket. In another embodiment, the plastic
mounting bracket remains stationary and the path traversed by the mast jacket
15 during its collapse stroke is defined by the center passage in the plastic mounting
bracket.